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Title: COLD-BOX BINDERS CONTAINING AN EPOXY RESIN, ACRYLATE, AND CERTAIN ALKYL ESTERS

DECLARATION OF DAVID L. HEDDEN UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

I, David L. Hedden, declare as follows:

1. I am employed by Ashland Inc. as a Senior Patent, Trademark, and Copyright Counsel.
2. I am familiar with the corporate structure of Ashland Inc. and records related to the ownership of inventions, patent applications, and patents by Ashland Inc.
3. Based upon my inspection of Ashland's records, with respect to the pending application and U.S. Patent 6,604,567, I affirm that subject matter in the pending application and U.S. Patent 6,604,567 were owned by Ashland Inc. at the time these inventions were made.

4. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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